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Legislation calling for stiffer penalties for forged state IDs sent to governor

LANSING – Legislation that would make criminals who forge state ID cards subject to the same penalties as those who forge driver’s licenses is headed to the governor’s desk, announced state Sen. Michelle McManus, a package sponsor.

“Making the penalties match for these very similar crimes is common sense, and I am pleased to see these bills go to the governor,” said McManus, R-Lake Leelanau.

Under current law, penalties for forging driver’s licenses generally are more severe than for state ID cards. Senate Bills 912 and 913 increase the penalties for forging state ID cards to match those for forging drivers’ licenses and eliminate inconsistencies between these nearly identical crimes.

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